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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents were cited in an October 21, 2008 Japanese Official Action in a foreign counterpart application (Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-120493) corresponding to the above-referenced application:

- (1) JP-A 63-030077; and
- (2) JP-A 05-207431.

An Abstract for Document (1) is also attached hereto. For the Examiner's information, Applicants submit that US 4,768,092 is in the family of Document (1), according to a patent family database. An English translation for Document (2), provided by Applicants, is also attached hereto.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

COMMENT RE STATEMENT

Applicants understand from the MPEP that United States or other English language patent documents, included in a list of the family of patents corresponding to a particular patent cited in a foreign patent office communication, are to be construed as being cited by the foreign patent office for purposes of a statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1). See MPEP 609.04(b)(V) (Rev. 7, July 2008), page 600-159, second full paragraph. Here, the cited U.S. patent, which is in the family of a cited Japanese document, was not itself cited in the Japanese Official Action, and the Japanese Official Action is not understood to itself contain the aforementioned list. Nonetheless, Applicants understand that it is the Office's policy to construe 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) to include English-language family patents whether or not such a list appears in the foreign patent office communication itself. Thus, Applicants have cited the U.S. patent and made the statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1). Favorable consideration in this regard is earnestly solicited.

FEE STATEMENT

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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